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RELIGION IN HISTORY AND IN MODERN LIFE. Together with an Essay on the Church and the Working Classes. By A. M. FAIRBAIRN. New edition. New York: Whittaker. Pp. xvi + 261. \$0.80.

IN republishing these essays a real service has been rendered to the cause of intelligent thinking among the numerous laymen the book will reach. The theological specialist may find many things to which he would give only a qualified assent, but the volume is not intended for the specialist. The chapter on "The Church and the Working Man" is useful and frank. It is plainly seen by the writer that Catholicism and the established church of England are hampered by their traditions of feudalism; he does not quite so plainly see how in our modern middle-class Protestantism the ideals and hopes of *bourgeoisie* are equally plainly reflected, and that until we, as Protestants, reach a higher plane, the working class as such will be more or less consciously repelled by Protestant preaching and Protestant worship. The essay says many true things, and is wholesome reading for all; but, several times the author just misses putting his finger upon the real reason of the working classes' hostility—we fear a growing hostility—to Protestantism. The change in life-ideals must come, and this change must be one of radical import, particularly for the extremely individualistic type of Protestantism that has grown up among us. Our author has, of course, the English workingman in mind as he writes, but what he says is almost wholly applicable to our own conditions, and sometimes with increased force. The little volume ought to be widely read, and it is a model of courageous frankness.

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LIFE EVERLASTING. By JOHN FISKE. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co, 1901. Pp. 87. \$1.

THE importance of the subject and the recognized ability of the author combine to make this volume one of unusual interest. It is the *Ingersoll* lecture on "The Immortality of Man," delivered by Mr. Fiske in Sanders's Theater, Cambridge, on the evening of December 19, 1900, and printed after his death without any alteration in the manuscript. The present work continues and complements the series of studies by Mr. Fiske issued under the titles, *The Destiny of Man Viewed in the Light of His Origin*, *The Idea of God as Affected by Modern Knowledge*, and *Through Nature to God*.